

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Withem, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am rising in opposition to the Rod Johnson amendment, not because I have any grand hopes that it is going to be defeated. I am sure it will be added to the bill and the world will continue with no major problems if it is amended. I would just kind of like to echo some of the comments that were made previously by Senator Vard Johnson and that is that it is probably bad public policy to mandate certain programs that shall continue, and certain programs that may continue, and it gets...this argument gets back then to the heart of the whole question, and I am beginning to wonder if what we haven't done here today is to continue to confuse the whole situation of budgeting for the university. In effect, I think what has probably happened today is we have had university lobbyists go to those of us who tried to help them in the beginning with a bill that they have had who say adopt the Schmidt-Johnson amendment and that will help your cause. Those probable same lobbyists I guess may have gone to the supporters of Senator Owen Elmer, said adopt the amendment, it will help your cause, and, in effect, what we have now is them home free. I am a little angry by that situation the more that I analyze it. That is the reason Senator Vard Johnson and I have offered a kill motion on this bill to continue to make additional comments about that particular proposal. We have to do, as a Legislature, I think is take a good hard look at how we budget for the university and how that university spends its money. We attempted to deal a little with that with the Education Committee this year. I feel like we have done a miserable job and have been a failure. And this particular amendment to continue to mandate certain programs while others are optional I think continues to confuse the subject, and for that reason, I am going to vote against the Rod Johnson amendment.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please.

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to again reiterate some of the points I made, but also to make them a little bit stronger. As I think about this, the more I sat here listening to the debate, the more important this amendment becomes, and, quite frankly, if the amendment is not adopted, it jeopardizes my support for the bill itself because at the expense of helping Curtis, we are exposing a great number of other programs at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. That concerns me a great deal and, in fact, exposes